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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### UM'S SUMMER ELDERHOSTEL PROGRAM TO FEATURE COWBOY ART, THE AMERICAN WEST AND ROADSIDE GEOLOGY

#### MISSOULA --

Learning about various aspects of the old West is the focus for this year's Elderhostel summer program at the University of Montana July 12-18. Comprising a week-long series of classes at the university, Elderhostel is open to participants 60 years of age or older .

From 8:30 to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday, "Cowboy Art" will be taught by Jim Todd, UM professor and chairman of the art department. The history, social origins and impact of western art on American culture and democracy will be presented.

"Indians, Traders, Soldiers and the American West" will be offered from 10:30 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, under the guidance of Katherine Weist, UM anthropology professor. Topics include how the Cheyenne, Crow, Dakota, Blackfeet, Gros Ventre, Assiniboine, Mandan, Hidatsa and other tribes survived the impact of the white westward movement, and how the Northern Plains Indian history and culture changed.

The third class will be "Roadside Geology," held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Monday with field trips to be arranged for Wednesday and Friday. Geology Professor Donald Hyndman will give outdoor lectures that enable participants to study and interpret rocks in

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outcrop. Various geologic phenomena will be observed and studied.

Local participants are invited to attend Elderhostel as non-residents at a commuter fee of \$40. Commuter participants are invited to join in other Elderhostel activities for additional nominal fees. Those who prefer to attend the program on a resident basis will pay a fee of \$215. This includes dormitory accommodations Sunday through Friday nights, a meal plan and extra-curricular activities.

For more information or to pre-register, call UM's Center for Continuing Education, 243-2900, or write the center at 125 Main Hall, University of Montana, Missoula, Mont., 59812.

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